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The Kiev Branch of the USSR Red Cross has some 20,000 members assisting the various enterprises of the Public Health Service in combating cancer, tuberculosis and malaria. (2 Feb 49)

The Ministry of Public Health ~~HSFR~~ reported that during 1948 there was a 16.9 percent decrease in dysentery cases, a 66 percent decrease in toxic dyspepsia cases and a 21 percent drop in diphtheria cases. Epidemiological work in Stalingrad is very poorly organized. The various epidemiological stations are staffed with incompetent personnel. The sanitation department makes no effort to maintain cleanliness in the city.

It is suggested that for the next 2 months the Public Health Service unite with the Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology in an attempt to determine the nature of infectious diseases and to conduct an intensified program for the elimination of sources of infection. (9 Feb 49)

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